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SUMMER has come again, and probably this time it has come to stay.

Next year the managers of the May

THE world's fair as an exhibition may not yet be complete as a whole, but all the space is filled in the department of

THE word comes from Washington: "Indiana has got its share of the offices." And yet not one Democrat in twenty who wanted something has been within sight of it.

HEREAFTER no Republican who wore the blue thirty years ago can serve on a pension medical board, but the prohibition does not extend to those who did not wear the color of the Union and assail its flag.

THE men who have been charged with the arrangements for the National Encampment are too busy to issue proclamations concerning what they are doing, but those who inquire must be satisfied with the nature and the progress of the great work.

Now that the administration has so handsomely received the Spanish princess and is so royally entertaining her in Washington, the President can afford to gratify the Spanish hidalgos by returning the call which the princess will make upon him.

THE fact that more silver was exported last week than gold should not lead the enthusiastic admirer of the 41212grain dollar to assume that the price of the white metal is rapidly advancing to the point where the silver dollar will be worth as much as the gold one in mer-

ONE of the editors at Chicago read a poem the other day in which he declared that "A Drop of Ink Makes Millions Think." That may be the poet's view, but the average working newspaper mar knows by experience that an average editor or reporter can stir up a fair sized disturbance with a bit of lead

THE Republican Legislature of Pennsylvania has passed a free text-book bill for all public schools. It was predicted that Catholic influence would be due largely to the earnest advocacy of Mr. Powderly, the head of the Knights of Labor, who is a Catholic.

A FEW sharp-witted Chinamen in Colorado town not only registered once, but three times on different days, sold the extra certificates they received to the Six Companies, and now three almond-eyed heathens are in the country where there was one a few months since. The Six Companies seem not to have made the most of their opportunity, as they might have had each of their men register twice and thereby doubled the number of their followers.

THE removal of two letter carriers in this city for inability to perform the work required of them in the allotted time of eight hours a day will probably cause some comment, especially as both the men removed are veterans and were wounded during the war. This gives them peculiar claims to sympathy, but it must be remembered that the demands of the public service are inexorable, and if for any reason whatever a person is unable to comply with them he cannot complain if he is required to give way to one who can. The delivery service requires active, alert men, and it would not do to let it become weighted down with men, however deserving in other respects, who cannot perform the service in the allotted time.

At the present time two large outdoor meetings are being held in this State by two branches of a church known as Dunkards. They are very large assemblages, and show, during the past few years, a growth which some of the larger and more popular denominations cannot claim. There is no essential difference in the creeds of the two Dunkard churches, yet the element which did not agree with the regular and established body have set up for themselves and are now as strong as the regulars. Why do not the Briggses and their sympathizers follow the example of the Dunkard progressives and come out and set up for themselves? Professor Briggs and his element may or may not be right, but the outsider who knows anything about the creed and faith of the regular Presbyterian knows that the opinions which | quoted, in which it is charged that from

lar Presbyterians. These opinions are so hostile to the views and creeds of standard Presbyterianism that they cannot be reconciled. This being the case, why do not the Briggses come out in peace and establish a church of their

### FAILURE OF THE MUSIC PESTIVAL.

The collapse of the May Music Festival is most unfortunate in every point of view. It will be a great disappointment to many who had looked forward to a season of rare enjoyment, it places the directors in an embarrassing situation, on account of expenses and liabilities incurred, and it will give unfriendly critics a chance to sneer at the city for having, as they will say, undertaken something which it could not carry through. In all this, however, there is large mitigation in the fact that neither the city nor the directors are in any way responsible for the failure of the festival. The responsibility rests entirely on Mr. Charles E. Locke, a so-called musical manager, and Mr. Seidl, leader of Seidl's orchestra. These two persons deliberately violated their contract with the directors of the festival, and did it at a time and in a way that rendered it impossible for the directors to make new arrangements. The latter had every reason to suppose they were dealing with men who at least had sufficient personal honor and business integrity to comply with a contract, and the had no reason to anticipate suc result as has occurred. They are a much disappointed at the outcome a the public can be, but they are in no way to blame. On the contrary, they are entitled to public sympathy and support. Out of pure public spirit and at considerable personal sacrifice they Music Festival will make sure that they | have worked hard to make the festival a success, only to find themselves dis appointed at the last moment through the faithlessness of others.

The best they can do is to offer the public one grand concert to-morrow night, with two prime favorite sold singers, assisted by a large chorus and competent home talent. An attractive programme will be presented, and the concert ought to be liberally patronized.

THE ACCURACY OF THE ACTUARY. The reports of the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic in several States and the number of deaths in each State's membership afford some interesting suggestions in connection with the estimates of Dr. B. A. Gould, actuary of the United States Sanitary Commission, of the number of survivors of the Union army and navy in the late was from year to year. These estimates o Dr. Gould have been accepted as the most reliable data upon the subject by the Record and Pension Office, of which Colonel Ainsworth, United States army, is the efficient chief. The number of survivors of the Union army and navy exclusive of deserters, June 30, 1893, according to this estimate, was 1,236,076, and the number June 30, 1893, is given as 1,209,968. This shows a decrease by death of 26,108 during the year which will end June 30, 1893. Thus the death rate is 1 in 47.34. The reports of the membership and deaths in State departments at hand for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892, present the following figures: Indiana.....23,909 Minnesota..... 8,734 

Five Departments......59,415 Thus by the reports referred to there were 1,107 deaths in a membership of 59,414, or 1 to 52.76. At first sight it would seem that the actual reports would show that the estimates of Dr. Gould are not correct, but after mature reflection it must be seen that they sustain the figures of the actuary. The reports of the deaths in departments are made up from the number of deaths reported by each post. Quite a number of posts make no reports, and it is fair arrayed against the measure, but so far | to assume that the others do not get the from that, the passage of the measure is | names of all their members who die during a year. Again, there is reason to believe that nearly all of the younger men who were soldiers in the Union army are enrolled in the Grand Army, while the death rate among that portion of the older veterans who do not belong to the Grand Army is greater than the rate in its membership, which, aside from embracing nearly all the younger survivors, also includes a greater number of those whose circumstances contribute to longer life than have those of veterans outside the organization. Consequently, the figures of the reports rather sustain than disprove the accuracy of the estimates of the Record and Pension Office, and confirm the judgment of the actuary, that not a veteran will be living fifty years hence, and only 6,296 in the year 1935.

IN EXPERIMENT IN GOVERNMENT RAILWA MANAGEMENT, The railroads of Prussia, as is generally known, are owned and controlled by the government. Those who are advocating such ownership and control in this country frequently refer to the experiment in Germany as if it were an unqualified success. In the light of an article in the current number of the Revne des Duex Mondes, such state ments are unqualified assumptions. Mr. Mange, the writer of the article, quotes copiously from German statesmen and writers to show that state management has fallen far short of success. Previous to 1878 the mixed system of state and private ownership was in practice, but a large class demanded a change, on the ground that private corporations managed the railroads with the single purpose of securing private profits, and consequently ignored popular interests. As a result of these representations, the government decided to purchase the roads. A very small part of the purchase price has been paid, and none of the expected reforms have been realized. There has been no improvement of the service or reduction of fares. On the contrary, it is charged that the rolling stock and the roadbeds have deteriorated, and that the receipts have fallen off in proportion to expenses. The German Economist is

lic addresses are not those of the regu- | aged in a spirit of parsimony, the number of employes has been reduced, while outrageously large sums have been charged up to "current expenses," and the government has not practiced any of those financial precautions which it imposed upon private corporations. The speeches of two prominent members of the Reichstag are quoted, in which it is maintained that the roads were better administered and the public accommodation superior under the old system to what they have been under government control.

If such results have followed twelve years of government management under an arbitrary form of government, and in a country of limited area, what advantage could be expected from government control in this country, where the management would be sure to fall into party control and where a change of parties would be followed by a demand for a change in all the employes, in order to reward the "boys who stood in the trenches?" With the idea of "taking care" of the men who are now given positions on that ground prevailing, what sort of railroad service would the people get under government management?

## THE HEATHEN IN OUR MIDST.

During the past week the officers of foreign missionary organizations have expressed grave fears lest the Chinese government should retaliate and force their missionaries to leave the field for missionary effort which that country presents. Looking over the reports of religious denominations which are holding their annual meetings, one learns that the expenditures have been large, and to the average mind, the results have been inadequate. Meantime, passing events in this country call attention to a field more than ripe for the harvest. In this State and in other States there are scenes of lawlessness and bloodshed which indicate a lack of Christian teaching. There appears to be a growing element, even in the older portions of the country, upon which Christian teaching and effort seem to have had little effect. Crimes are of frequent occurrence in this and other States, which show that in the smaller cities and even in farming communities there are scores of men who defy law and hate good order -toughs and bullies to whom human life has no sanctity, and upon whom age nor sex has any restraint. They have none of the negative virtues which hold the natives of China and India in check. Nothing but the fear of the law keeps them from careers of outlaws. They go armed, and low drinking places are almost daily the scenes of their savagery. Can it be that these men, of whom there are hundreds, and probably thousands, in this State, have ever been brought within the humanizing influence of Christian teaching? Nor can it be said that they are immigrants, for the reason that they are, for the most part, natives in this country, and were born in the communities to which they are a terror or at least a menace.

The lawlessness, brutality and fiendishness displayed in sections of this State bring this matter fresh to the public mind. These exhibitions are such as should lead the friends of law and order, and particularly Christian people, to turn their attention to them with a view to devising a remedy, or at least to an inquiry into the conditions which produce this state of things. The situation, at least, should lead those who direct Christian effort to take counsel together to devise some means of reaching the benighted regions of our own country and to the conversion of a class of heathen who have grown up in the midst of public schools and in sight of Christian churches. It may be well to call in the missionaries who are laboring to convert pagans from idolatry, to the end that their efforts may be concentrated upon a class of people at home who do not even recognize a Supreme Being in any form, not even the Joss of the Chinese.

# A RECKLESS EXAGGERATION.

The Boston Evangelical Alliance has recently telegraphed Attorney-general Olney that "petitioners representing forty millions of the best citizens of the country" demanded the closing of the world's fair on Sunday. If the persons who send such dispatches take time to calmly consider their declaration, they will see that in their zeal to prevent what they regard as an infraction of one command of the Decalogue they have declared their utter disregard of the spirit of another equally essential prohibition contained in the Ten Commandments. In the first place, the number of persons in this country over ten years of age does not much exceed forty millions. All the persons, old and young. in the country who are within the direct influence of the church are about twentyfive millions, and many of these are not members. These figures include the Catholics, who are six millions. Cardinal Gibbons and other high ecclesiastics in that church favor Sunday opening. To these must be added the large number of persone who belong to or attend and support churches who are really in favor of Sunday opening. Quite a large number of Protestant clergymen, representing large church organizations, have declared that there can be no objection to Sunday opening. Furthermore, there is good reason to believe that if a vote were taken upon the question in a manner which would give a free expression to the sentiments of all intelligent people, it would show a majority in favor of Sunday opening. The number of people in the churches who maintain the rigid observance of Sunday which used to prevail among a number of excellent church organizations is now very small. People who read secular books and papers, walk or ride for recreation, or make calls on Sunday, are in no position to denounce an opening of the world's fair which does not involve the running of machinery. Much less are those people who are fighting Sunday opening as Christian organizations warranted in proclaiming what every in teiligent person knows to be a reckless and inexcusable exaggeration.

Some of the esteemed but unthinking

ture of Ohio for having passed a law making hazing in colleges a misdemeanor. The act is an injudicious one, inasmuch as it sets the college hoodlum apart from the ordinary specimen of that class, placing a legal ratification, as it were, upon the position the college tough has assumed for himself. The first gentle junior or "soph" who is arrested under the provisions of this act will be looked upon as a hero and a martyr, and will look back upon his incarceration in the same spirit as the captured soldier recalls his imprisonment at the hands of the enemy. If he were convicted of just a common act of assault and battery the moral effect would be much better, and the ends of justice better served.

THE reception of the Spanish Princess Eulalia, in Washington, about which there has been so much talk, was simplified by the lady's natural tact and gracious manners, showing that a true lady is equal to every emergency. It is proper to add that the manner of her reception was entirely appropriate and everything was done in a decorous and dignified way. From all accounts, the Princess is a charming woman, and she has evidently made a very favorable impression on those who have come in contact with her.

DID you ever see the digging of a cellar or a sewer trench going on that there was was not a fair-sized crowd of men looking on? And have you noticed how many people stand around and watch the men at work on Monument Place? These watchers are patient, observant, and apparently deeply interested. What is it holds them? Perhaps the answer to this question lies in the remark of a gentleman, who said, "There is something very fascinsting in watching other people work." Observe the fine philosophy of this observation. There is nothing fascinating in work itself. The men who handle picks and shovels do not find anything attractive in it. The fascination is in watching them and in contemplating the fine results that are produced without any effort on the part of the watcher. The dignity of labor is never so apparent as when contemplated from a distance. There is something very fascinating

in watching other people work. DR. TALMAGE stated a few days ago that he should resign the pastorate of Tabernacle Church to-day unless provision were made for the immediate payment of the church's floating debt of \$100,000. "I am tired," he said, "of the strain and suspense, and have come to the conclusion that if this money cannot be raised by Sunday it cannot be raised at all under my ministry. And so I determined to end the struggle right there." Officers of the church expressed the opinion that the money would be raised.

## BUBBLES IN THE AIR

Courage for Anything. She-You are not afraid to ask papa, are you! He-Afraid! The idea of you doubting my courage when I had the bravery to ask you.

Still Seeking Information. Tommy-Say, paw. Mr. Figg-Well!

Tommy-Is slow fevers the easiest to catch? Nontelephonable. "I'd like to tell that big duffer what I think of im, out I don't think it would be safe."

"Why don't you use the telephone!" "I'm afraid it would be more than the tele phone could stand, ofther." Elevating Influences.

"There didn't useter be no chance fer a man to rise in our business," said Mr. Haicede; "but since they interduced this here idee of gittin' out stumps by dynamite some of the horny-handed agricultooralists is a risin' most every day somewheres or other."

Not So Easy. "Well, old man, four thousand dollars for ten

minutes' work is not so bad." "Ten minutes' work," ejaculated the successful prize-fighter. "Is'pose you fergit that I have had to make no less'n 487 speeches in the last t'ree months, besides all the noospaper fellers I've had to talk to. I guess you think us pugilists has got a puddin'."

# ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

REV. ROBERT MCALL, D. D., founder of

the McAll missions in Paris, died last week, aged seventy-one. Some one asked the daughter of the Duke of Veragua what she liked best of all she saw during her stay in Chicago. "Oh," said she."I like de Wild Bill bestof all. i

no not like de functions at ali, za be so all alike and so tiresome." A RECENTLY issued circular states that Philip Armour & Co. received \$102,000,000 from "distribution sales" in the last twelve months, made \$12,000,000 worth of gine, and paid \$5,500,000 to their eleven thousand employes. That establishment sizes up pretty

well with the fair itself. THE Shah's favorite wife is named Anizeh Dooulet. She was a woman of lowly ori gin, but bright, intelligent and courageous. She has never tried to meddle with politics, but has made it her one object in life to please and attract her royal husband. Her income is \$60,000 a year.

WHEN John Ruskin expressed surprise that "a coxcomb should ask 200 guineas for flinging a pot of paint in the public's face." Mr. Whistler sued him, and got damages in the sum of 1 fartning. Mr. Whistler's opinion on the selection of Raskin as laureate has not been publicly expressed.

COL. E. T. DAWSON, of Grand Forks, N. D., owns the first military order issued by General Grant. It is a simple document, is No. 1, dated July 2, 1861, appointing Mr. Dawson quartermaster and commissary of the Twenty-first Illinois. It is signed Col. U. S. Grant, Springfield, Ill. Mr. Dawson has refused \$8,000 for it.

LOTTIE MAIR, of Berwick, Pa., 18 the vicim of the lie that by collecting 1,000,000 canceled stamps one can get \$500. She gathered the required number in about three years' time, after having made herself a nuisance to everybody about her. When she tailed to find the purchaser with the \$500, she grew melancholy and it is feared that she will lose her mind. THE Czar's favorite palace is Tzarkoselo,

a place so beautiful that a description of it reads like a page of "The Arabian Nights." The building stands in grounds which are eighty miles in circumference. Some of the rooms are wainscoted with lapis lazuli, and the floors are of ebony, inlaid with mother of pearl. The corridors are hung with the rarest tapestries and silk ourtains, and all the metal work is silver.

EDGAR SCOTT, son of the late Thomas A. Scott, on completing his twenty-one years last August, came into the income of \$1,000,-000. At twenty-five years of age his income will be doubled and his prospective fortune will be very large. He usually spends his summers at Bar Harbor, but he has this year purchased a steam yacht, in which he will, during the summer months, visit Sweden and Norway, It was his mother's desire that he should travel.

THOMAS FLETCHER DENNIS, t.e Washington pension expert, writes in the May Forum that private pension bills have recently been introduced in Congress to benefit "soldiers, stepmothers, stepfathers, foster-mothers, children over sixteen years of age; soldiers who had deserted, women not legally married to sold ers, women who the Professor has expressed in his pub- | 1879 to 1889 the roads have been man- | contemporaries are praising the Legisla- | had been divorced from their soldier hus- | the name of her future husband.

bands; soldiers who had served less than ninety days, and soldiers not disabled from any cause." Mr. Dennis also tells of cases in which the supposed widow of a missing soldier applied for a pension only to learn that her husband was still living and had already applied for pension on his own account, from an address which was promptly furnished to her.

GEN. ALFRED AMEDEE DODDS, the French commander, who has just enbdued King Behanzin, of Dahomey, is of Euglish extraction, and has considerable negro blood in his veins. He had his military education in France, was made a captain in 1:65, and a colonel in 1887. Since 1871 be has been in service in Senegal, with the exception of a campaign in Tonquin. In November last he was made a general, in recognition of his services in the Dahomey

THE following story of Carlyle is told by Lord Houghton, the Viceroy of Ireland, whose father was a friend of the great Scotchman: It appeared that the grim old Chelsea hermit had once, when a child, saved in a teacup three bright halfpence. But a poor old Shetland beggar with a bad arm came to the door one day. Carlyle gave him all his treasure at once. In after life, in referring to the incident, he used to say: "The feeling of happiness was most intense; I would give £100 now to have that feeling for one moment back again."

THE most curious oil well ever known, except it may be the famous Sunday well in Venango county, Pennsylvania, which never yielded a drop of oil except on the first day of the week, is in Wheeler canyon, California. It is known as the Lunatic Oil Spring. When the new moon appears this spring begins to flow oil, which increases in volume as the moon grows, When the moon is at its full the spring yields three barrels of oil a day. The quantity decreases with the waning of the moon, and the yield of oil ceases entirely when the moon's last quarter is past. This phenomenon appears as regularly as the phases of the moon.

WITH a \$10,00 rod And a 6.00 reel, 2.00 line With a And a 4.00 creel; A book full of 2.00 4.00 flies, Away with his 12.00 ticket he hies. Thus he spends ..... \$40.00 ere he starts out,

And returns in a week .10 worth of trout with.....And the But a blank won't sup-The thirty-nine ninety-the sum he is shy.

-San Francisco News Letter. SQUIRE'S VIEW OF THE GEARY ACT.

### The Senator Thinks China Could Safely Apply a Like Law to Americans.

NEW YORK, May 20,-Senator Squire, of Washington, who is here, was asked if he apprehended any danger to the missionaries or other American residents in China as a result of the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act. "No, I do not," was his reply. "Of course,

it is impossible to predict what might happen. There have been riots in China before, but I do not believe that riots or disturbances dangerous to the lives of Americans will grow out of the exclusion act. There is, it seems to me, a misapprehension of the Geary law in the East. Here you do not fully appreciate the importance of some such law as this. With the Chinese being smuggled across the British border and through our State by the wholesale, and with many of them bringing opium, some strong measure was necessary. should be treated like a human being. Our

"I believe in fair play for the Chinaman. He is not a first-class immigrant, but he experience on the Pacific coast has shown us that photographing Chinamen is the only possible way to regulate their immigration. Under the old method no Chinaman could be identified by a certificate. I, for one, would not object to turning this Geary law around and making it work both ways. Let the Chinese government require all Americans in that country to register and file photographs. I would not object to such a law as that. Then both nations would be on an equal footing. Americans' in China would be strongly protected by a Chinese Geary law. There are only about one thousand Americans in all China

"Nobody expects the United States government to deport all the Chinese in this country back to China. That the government did not expect to do this is shown by the fact that Congress appropriated only \$100,000 for the expense of the entire movement. One of the California Senators wanted \$400,000, but it was thought that \$100,000 would be sufficient. If the government will show that it means just what it said when it passed Geary law, and if it will promptly arrest and deport some of the Chinese, say only a few, a dozen for instance, the effect on the remaining Chinese will be as good as if all were arrested at once and sent back. They will see that the government is in earnest, and will flock by the thousands to register. Of course, they cannot now legally register, but Congress, next winter, can so amend the law as to extend its provisions and lengthen the time limit, so that all the Chinese can register.

# SHOT BY A BURGLAR.

Paying Teller McCullough, of the State Bank of St. Louis, Killed by a Thief.

St. Louis, May 20 .- At Woodstock, a suburb of this city, just before dawn this morning, Benjamin McCullough, paying teller of the State Bank of St. Louis, was shot and killed by a burglar. Apparently Mr. McCullough heard the burglar, and, arising to protect his property, secured a shotgan. The burglar, evidently, left the house, and Mr. McCullough followed hun to the yard, where a scuille followed, in which the length of the shotgun prevented its use while the burgiar's revolver came into play and a bullet was sent crashing into McCullough's brain. The murderer escaped. President Charles Parsons, of the State bank, has offered \$1,000 for the capture of the murderer. The State will probably add \$500 to this and the Bank Clerks' Association has decided to do the same, and will also pay \$1,000 to the family of the murdered man.

Industrial Union.

At the last meeting of the Industrial Union Mrs. George W. Sloan and Mrs. Charles R. Williams were added to the board of directors. It was decided to formally open the union in about two weeks with a reception, at which time it would be shown in its practical working order. In order that there may be a good supply of articles, all consignors who will have things ready for that time are asked to send their names to Mrs. E. F. Hodges, No. 152 North Meridian street; Mrs. Hervey Bates, jr., No. 316 North Meridian street, or to Mrs. Charles Comstock, No. 429 North Delaware street, and they will be notified of the exact time of the opening. The managers expect to have a lunch room down town, in time, where home-made viands of the most delicious sort will be served. For the beconducted by women's exchanges throughout the country.

# Service of Song.

There will be a song service this evening at the First Presbyterian Church, with the following programme: Organ solo, "Nacht stuck," Schumann, Miss Gertrude Herdman; quartet, Festival Te Deum No. 7 in E flat, Buck; baritone solo, "Abide with Me," Shelley, Mr. Edward Nell: organ solo, "Vesper Hymn," Whitney; quartet, "Consider and Hear Me." Pflenger; soprano solo, "Rock of Ages," Barri, Miss May Johnson; violin solo, "Bercense," Rennard, Mr. M. H. Spades; quartet, "Hear My Cry, O Goa, Adams; organ postlude, march from "Tannbauser." Wagner. The members of the quartet are Miss May Johnson, Miss Winifred Willard, Mr. W. F. Wocher and Mr. Emil Steinhilber.

# Point in Paimistry.

science. Thus if a young fellow can get a pretty girl to give him her hand he can tell

BIDS ON REFUNDING BONDS

Indiana Trust Company Alone Willing to Handle the Four Per Cents.

It Only Offers 90 Cents on the Dollar for Them-Controller Woollen Holds the Bid Open Until Monday.

The Indiana Trust Company will probably get the entire block of the city's refunding bonds which will be issued on July 1 to take up the old Sollers farm and series A and B of bonds issued on July 1, 1873. These bonds amount to \$621,000, although \$21,000 of them were taken up a short time ago when they matured. There were four bids in response to the advertisement of Controller Woollen, but the Controller after a talk with Mayor Sullivan decided that only the bid of the Indiana Trust Company conformed with the requirements of the advertisement. This bid was not accepted, however, the Controller asking time to consider it until Monday, at 2 o'clock. The advertisment proposed refunding bonds bearing 4 per cent to run twenty years.

The bids submitted to the Controller at 2 o'clock vesterday afternoon are as follows Indiana Trust Company-\$558,900 for \$621,000 of the bonds, or 30 cents on the

N. W. Harris & Co., of New York-9818 cents on the dollar for \$600,000 of four-anda-half-per-cent bonds.

Coffin & Stanton, of New York-Par on our-and-a-half-per-cent. bonds. Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati-Par or hve-per-cent, bonds, The parties other than the Trust com-

pany, it will be seen, would not bid on four-per-cents. Harris & Co. would not bid on the \$21,000 of bonds because they doubted the legality of issuing refunding bonds when the old bonds which were intended to be refunded had already been paid. John P. Frenzel represented the Trust company: W. J. McDonald, Harris & Co.; Hunter Wykes, Collin & Stanton, and Julius Rice, Seasougood & Mayer, of Cincinnati. Emil Rassmann, chairman of the finance committee of the Council, was present when the bids were opened. Mr. Woollen stated to the gentlemen who were present that he was surprised the bids were not more favorable to the city. He said he was hardly willing to accept any of them, although be would consult with the Mayor, and give them an answer, At 4 o'clock the Controller returned to the office and met the representatives of the four bidders. He then stated that he lound only one bid that came up to the provisions of the advertisement. Fourper-cent, bonds were specified, yet the other bidders proposed four-and-a-baif-per-cent, bonds and fives. The Controller could not accept oids on such bonds without a special ordinance of the Council. He wanted to hold the bid of the Trust Company open until Monday, and finally John P. Frenzel agreed to this, the hour being set for 2 o'clock. The controller wanted to have another talk with the Mayor, who he stated would promably be down to the City Hall on Monday morning. Both of the officials of the city professed to be disappointed at the bids. Mr. Woollen added that if the city decided to remight be changed. The outside bidders insisted that it was almost impossible to float a four-per-cent bond to any advantage. Mr. Frenzel sized up the financial future in a hopeless way, and asked some of the visitore to give an opinion of the present financial situation. Julius Rice said:

"Mr. Frenzel, if you have half a million dollars I will take it for six months at C per cent. and give you government bonds as collateral. Bonds are a drug on the market, while money is in big demand. A short time ago I took \$700,000 of Cleveland per cents, at par and I almost wish I had my money back. Chicago tried to sell a half million of water works 5 per cents. recently, but couldn't get a bid; Philadelphia with two millions. New York with a milion and a half, Brooklyn with a million of refunding bonds could get no outside bids and had to fall back on their sinking funds," The controller volunteered the opinion

that he would rather have an Indianapolis bond than one of Chicago. "But you don't own your own water works," replied one of the visitors, "while Chicago bas a \$25,000,000 plant and only a \$20,000,000 debt. Minneapolis, a short time ago, couldn't get rid of twenty-year fourand-a-half-per-cents."

Mr. Frenzel, with a smile, said these financiers were scoring him with their re-marks, but he joined with them in seeing a cloudy outlook. Mr. Woollen thought a bright day was coming.

Mr. Wykes, of New York, in discussing the bidding on the Indianapolis refunding bonds, said: "The bids made here are unusually good

once, and the fact that none of us want your four-per-cent, bonds casts no reflection on the city's credit. The stringency of the money market makes londs an uncertain quantity to an extent, and other cities with as good credit as Indianapolis have been unable to do as well. The old Indianapolis bonds must be refunded July 1, and if one of these bids is not accepted the city is liable to meet a close call.'

Controller Woollen stated during the meeting when reference was made to the probability of a close call that he could raise \$600,000 in a very short time in Indianapolis if needed.

Mr. Rice made the statement that bonds were such a drug on the market just at present that he did not believe the Indianapolis five-per-cent, school bonds could be sold at par. These gentlemen are, of course, all interested in the purchase of bonds as well as in their sale.

Referring to the remote possibility of a default in the payment of the bonds on July 1, if refunding bonds are not issued, one of the bidders recalled instances in which cities had lost their credit. He claimed the bonds of Evansville bring no more than 80 cents on the dollar. St. Joe, Mo., and Mobile, Ala., had big slices taken off their credit, he added, by

defaults. In the East the laws forbid savings banks from buying or holding as collateral the bonds of cities that have made a default in payment at any time.

NO HARM IN TRYING.

An Experiment That Will Prove Interesting if It Succeeds, Portland Morning Oregonian. "Close up your ears with some noncon-

ductor of sound (a little cotton will do)." says F. I. McKenna, "place a bandage over your eyes, draw it back over your ears and tie it back of your head in such a way as to completely shut off your eyesight and bearing. Then with your left hand take a firm hold of the right hand of some one willing to help you in making the experiment, and also grasp his left hand with your right. Ask your assistant to read slowly some lines unknown to you. "Your assistant should read the lines

without attering the words; that is, he should read them in his mind with his mouth closed. While your assistant to reading you must calm yourself as much as possible and place yourself in a sort of state of expectancy, looking for thoughts to come to you rather than trying to think. If you follow the directions carefully the words of the lines will appear before you as distinctly as though you were actually looking with your own eyes, and you can repeat them as readily as you could if your eyes were not bandaged. "If you tail on first attempt it will be be-

cause you are skeptical and fail to concentrate your mind properly. If you fail after repeated efforts on successive days, get two round pieces of common zinc the size of a balf dollar and rivet the three pieces together with a copper rivet. Place one o these magnets in the palm of each hand when you take the hand of your assistant. "If you still fail, place the magnet on your forehead, close between the eyes, and have your assistant hold it with the palm of his left hand and you hold the other on his forehead with the paim of your left hand in the same manner, and again have the assistant recite the lines as before. It may require a little patience, but you will surely succeed. The magnet is only intend-

ed to help reduce your will to subjection.

To show the power of the magnet place it

on your tongue, close your mouth and eyes,

click the magnet against your teeth, and you will see a flash of light." "The greatest difficulty you will have to overcome is that you feel that you are noknowledging yourself a fool to even try the experiment, and that feeling keeps you There is some truth in palmistry as a from being in earnest-a thing necessary to success in any walk of life. If you once the matter. It will require only practice."